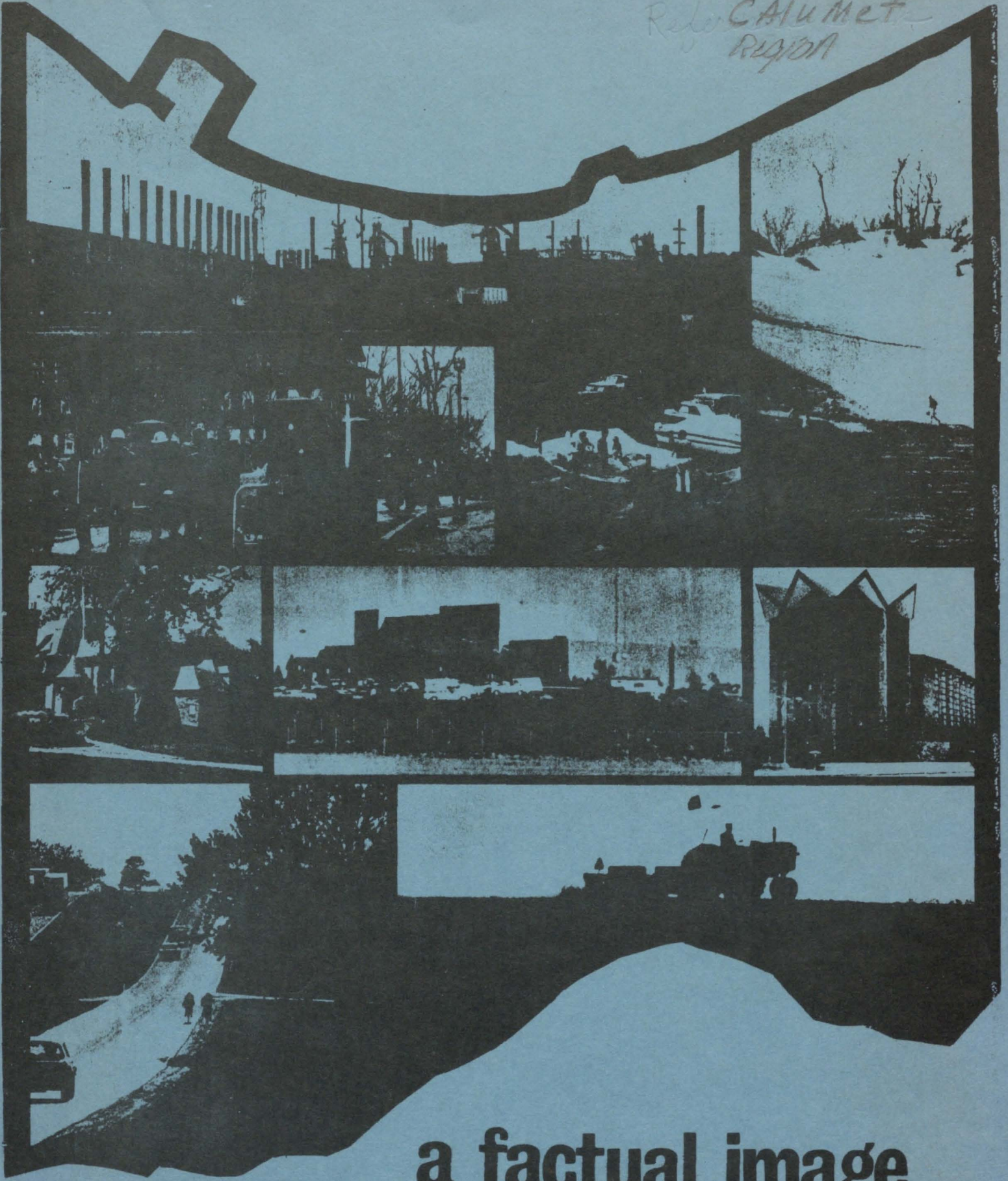


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Lake County

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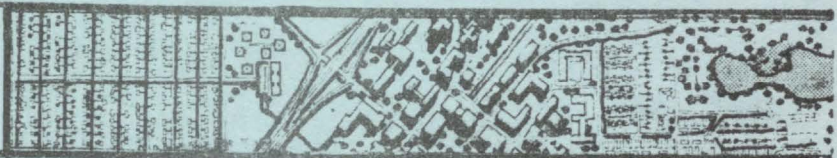


1970 Census 546,253
 1975 Census Estimate 544,600
 2000 Projection (NIRPC) - 681,100

<u>Communities</u>	<u>1970 Population</u>	<u>1973 Estimate</u>	<u>Special Censuses</u>
Gary	175,415	177,925	
Hammond	107,790	106,383	
East Chicago	46,982	44,557	
Merrillville	24,075	25,869	25,978 (1970)
Highland	24,947	26,110	26,035 (1975)
Hobart	21,485	22,356	
Griffith	18,168	17,803	17,681 (1974)
Munster	16,514	18,894	18,894 (1973)
East Gary	15,218	14,956	
Crown Point	10,931	14,161	13,420 (1973)
Cedar Lake	7,589	8,955	
Whiting	7,247	7,115	
Dyer	4,906	7,122	7,394 (1974)
Lowell	3,839	4,659	5,305 (1975)
Schererville	3,663	4,210	
New Chicago	2,231	2,233	2,234 (1974)
St. John	1,757	2,253	2,475 (1975)
Schneider	426	426	

Sources: U.S. Dept of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, PC(1)-B16 Ind. General Population Characteristics Current Population Reports P-25 Population Estimates and Projections, P-26 Population Estimates, P-28 Special Censuses.

area



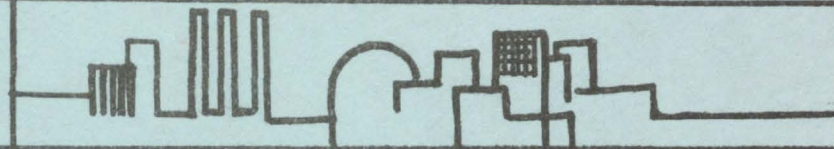
<u>Area</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Residential	35,215.95
Commercial	4,605.70
Industrial	10,867.10
Institutional	3,673.60
Recreation/Open Space	6,098.51
Vacant/Agricultural	232,212.93
Trans., Comm., Util.	11,195.52
Streets/Parking	17,276.42

TOTAL 321,145.73

Source: Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)

Lake County

employment



1974 Employment

24,635 Service
9,573 Construction
2,215 Food Manufacturing
2,142 Other Non Durables
6,455 Other Durables
1,792 Printing
3,060 Chemicals
4,798 Petroleum Refining
60,269 Steel Mills
4,976 Other Primary Metals
7,163 Fabricated Metals
3,242 Transportation Equipment
13,681 Transportation Communication & Utilities
35,443 Trade
6,337 Finance, Insurance, Real Estate
23,497 Government

210,278 TOTAL

Source: NIRPC, Growth Monitoring: Employment by Place of Work 1973, 1974. June, 1975.

<u>Major Industrial Employers</u>	<u>Employees (1974)</u>
U.S. Steel	26,239
Inland Steel	22,778
Youngstown Sheet and Tube	11,007
American Oil	2,773
Budd Company	2,091
Blaw Knox Foundry	1,487
Simmons Company	1,393
Lever Brothers	1,156
Anderson Company	1,075

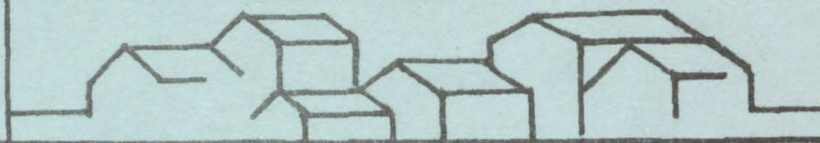
Source: NIRPC, Growth Monitoring: Employment by Place of Work 1973, 1974. June, 1975.

1972 Value of Manufacturing Shipments	\$4,910,700,000
1972 Retail Sales	1,338,846,000
1972 Wholesale Sales	705,568,000
1972 Selected Services Receipts	152,004,000

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Census of Business, Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade, Selected Services, Manufactures, 1972 Indiana.

Lake County

housing



160,024 Occupied Housing Units (1970)

106,760 Owner Occupied

95,571	1 Unit
9,014	Multi Unit
2,175	Mobile Home

53,264 Renter Occupied

15,080	1 Unit
37,776	Multi Unit
408	Mobile Home

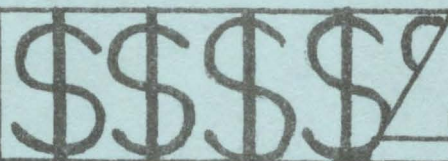
Permits 1970-1975

9,406	Single Family
622	Duplex
7,678	Multi Family
17,706	TOTAL UNITS

Sources: U.S. Dept of Commerce, Bureau of the Census HC(1)-A16 IND. 1970
General Housing Characteristics, Table 13.

NIRPC, Annual Building Permit Monitoring

Taxes



Total County Assessed Valuation - Net Value of Taxables

1974 Payable 1975 -	\$1,316,762,460
1975 Payable 1976 -	\$1,373,202,455
1976 Payable 1977 -	\$1,354,638,130

Sample Tax Rates

	<u>75-76</u>	<u>76-77 (Est.)</u>
Gary	17.56	17.86
Hammond	18.05	18.75
East Chicago	12.78	11.97
Merrillville	12.74	11.97
Highland	15.31	15.16
Crown Point	13.05	14.09
(Center)		
St. John Twp.	11.43	10.78
Hanover Twp.	10.22	10.07

State Sales Tax - 1975 Collection	\$49,912,317.67
State Personal Income Tax - 1975 Collection	\$43,033,117.00

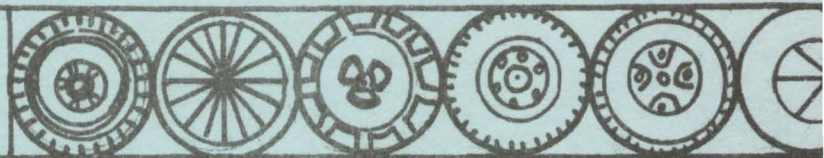
Sources: NIRPC, Public Revenues and Expenditures Monitoring

Indiana Department of Revenue, Research, Indianapolis

State Board of Tax Commissioners, Indianapolis

Lake County

transportation



Average Daily Trips to Places in Lake County

	<u>Purpose</u>				
	<u>Home</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Shop</u>	<u>Social</u>	<u>Total*</u>
Gary	158,043	60,507	37,254	76,002	393,324
Hammond	137,569	36,802	51,685	71,719	351,851
East Chicago	32,834	41,903	5,054	15,763	113,464
Merrillville	37,175	4,671	14,009	23,753	95,136
Highland	39,008	4,280	15,747	21,900	89,297
Hobart	27,319	2,896	7,239	12,161	58,051
Griffith	23,903	2,942	7,956	15,655	56,614
Munster	25,006	4,682	14,043	13,853	70,681
East Gary	19,434	1,406	5,434	8,746	40,754
Crown Point	23,030	4,272	6,198	12,802	56,669
Remainder of County	95,793	13,580	30,750	44,919	211,381
TOTAL	619,114	177,941	195,369	317,273	1,537,222

*Total trips include those made for work-business, school, personal business, and other.

Source: NIRPC 1971 Origin - Destination Survey.

Average Daily Volume Counts for Selected Locations

		(1971)	(1975)
I80/94	(Indpls. Blvd. to Kennedy)	109,444	102,500
U.S. 41	(Ridge Road to I80/94)	29,558	28,996
U.S. 30	(I/65)	29,585	35,389
U.S. 20	(Gary)	20,510	22,226
S.R. 912	(U.S. 20)	33,451	46,532
S.R. 55	(Crown Point)	11,169	16,169
S.R. 53	(11th Ave. to 8th Ave., Gary)	22,326	21,347
S.R. 51	(I80/94)	16,553	23,875
Kennedy Ave.	(173rd to 169th Street)	23,694	24,690
Calumet Ave.	(at Ridge Road)	19,623	22,585
Ridge Rd.	(Columbia to U.S. 41)	16,274	18,750

Source: NIRPC, Volume Counts

Lake County

agriculture



Agriculture - Lake County

Number of Farms (1969)	878
Average Size (Acres)	191
Total Acres in Farms	167,700
Value of Farm Land	\$184,470,000

<u>Products</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Total Prod.</u>	<u>Value Bu.</u>	<u>73 Value</u>	<u>74 Value</u>
Corn						
1973	62,200	98	6,095,600	\$2.10	\$12,800,760	
1974	64,300	67	4,225,000	\$3.33		\$14,069,250
Soybeans						
1973	45,400	25	1,135,000	\$5.04	\$ 5,720,400	
1974	46,500	23	989,000	\$7.54		\$ 7,457.060
Wheat						
1973	5,600	39	218,400	\$4.50	\$ 982,800	
1974	11,900	37	280,000	\$4.48		\$ 1,254,400
Hay		<u>Tons/Ac</u>		<u>Value/Ton</u>		
1973	8,900	2.1	18,690	34.00	\$ 635,460	
1974	8,600	1.5	12,900	51.50		664,350
Livestock & Livestock Products Income					1973	\$10,000,000
					1974	\$ 6,000,000
TOTAL AGRICULTURE SALES					1973	\$35,979,420
					1974	\$37,345,060

Source: Dept. of Agricultural Statistics, Purdue University.
Lake County Farm Bureau.

Porter County

population



1970 Census - 87,114
 1975 Estimate - 95,800
 2000 Projection (NIRPC) - 150,700

<u>Communities</u>	<u>1970 Population</u>	<u>1973 Estimate</u>	<u>Special Census</u>
Valparaiso	20,020	20,392	20,544 (1974)
Portage	19,127	20,898	20,624 (1973)
Chesterton	6,177	6,814	
Porter	3,058	3,285	
Hebron	1,624	1,933	
Kouts	1,388	1,612	
Ogden Dunes	1,361	1,433	
Burns Harbor	1,284	1,312	
Pines	1,007	1,023	
Beverly Shores	946	998	
Dune Acres	301	312	

Sources: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, PC(1)-B16 Ind. General Population Characteristics. Current Population Reports P-25 Population Estimates and Projections, P-26 Population Estimates, P-28 Special Censuses.

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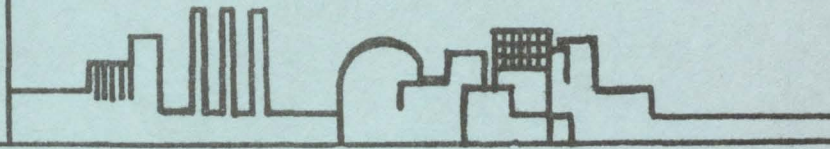


<u>Area</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Residential	15,475.49
Commercial	1,073.59
Industrial	3,063.63
Institutional	877.53
Recreation/Open Space	9,802.66
Vacant/Agricultural	222,013.67
Trans., Comm., Util.	6,600.08
Streets/Parking	8,519.51
TOTAL	267,426.16

Source: Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) 1975 Land Use Inventory

Porter County

employment



1974 Employment

3399	Service
1828	Construction
45	Food Manufacturing
663	Other Non Durables
2040	Other Durables
249	Printing
49	Chemicals
5	Petroleum Refining
8848	Steel Mills
136	Other Primary Metals
968	Fabricated Metals
0	Transportation Equipment
1036	Transportation, Communication, Utilities
5389	Trade
794	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate
<u>4854</u>	Government
30303	TOTAL

Source: NIRPC, Growth Monitoring: Employment by place of work 1973, 1974. June, 1975.

<u>Major Industrial Employers</u>	<u>Employees (1974)</u>
Bethlehem	6,344
Midwest Steel	2,504
McGill Manufacturing	962
Indiana General	707

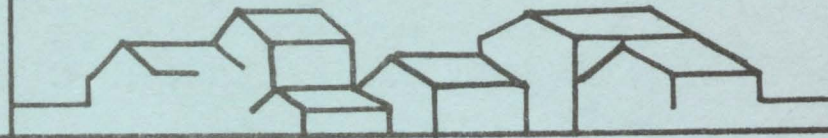
Source: NIRPC, Growth Monitoring: Employment by place of work 1973, 1974. June, 1975.

1972 Value of Manufacturing Shipments	\$781,500,000
1972 Retail Sales	148,731,000
1972 Wholesale Sales	112,146,000
1972 Selected Service Receipts	23,220,000

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Census of Business, Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade, Selected Services, Manufactures. 1972 Indiana

Porter County

housing



24,625 Occupied Housing Units (1970)

19,094 Owner Occupied

17,581 1 Unit
431 Multi Unit
1,082 Mobile Home

5,531 Renter Occupied

2,849 1 Unit
2,374 Multi Unit
308 Mobile Home

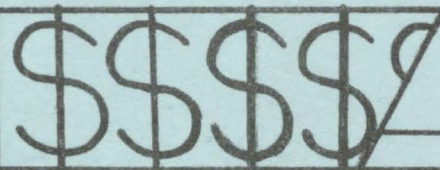
Permits 1970-1975

5,888 Single Family
740 Duplex
1,906 Multi Family
8,534 TOTAL UNITS

Sources: U.S. Dept of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. HC(L)-A16 IND.1970.
GENERAL HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS, Table 13.

NIRPC, Annual Building Permit Monitoring

taxes



Total County Assessed Valuation-Net Value of Taxables

1974 Payable 1975 - \$399,849,400
1975 Payable 1976 - \$415,936,460
1976 Payable 1977 - \$440,248,220

Sample Tax Rates

	74-75	76-77
Portage	10.635	10.34
Valparaiso	11.39	11.10
Chesterton	8.882	8.63
Westchester Twp.	5.122	4.87
Boone Twp.	7.12	7.00
Portage Twp.	8.635	8.27
Liberty Twp.	5.35	5.09

State Sales Tax - 1975 Collection \$6,610,769.79
State Personal Income Tax - 1975 Collection \$6,358,420.00

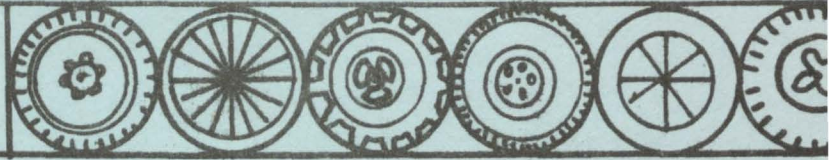
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Porter County

transportation



Average Daily Trips to Places in Porter County

	<u>Purpose</u>				
	Home	Work	Shop	Social	Total*
Valparaiso	37,089	10,205	14,923	22,250	103,023
Portage	40,695	4,742	5,908	15,540	82,846
Chesterton	20,313	8,257	4,864	10,089	53,479
Remainder of County	26,099	2,357	1,754	9,471	46,412
TOTAL	124,196	25,561	27,449	57,350	285,760

*Total trips include those made for work - business, school, personal business, and other.

Source: NIRPC, 1971 Origin - Destination Study.

Average Daily Volume Counts for Selected Locations

		(1971)	(1974)
I-94	(East of S.R. 149)	21,695	39,739
U.S. 30	(Valparaiso)	15,898	22,125
U.S. 12	(S.R. 149)	12,847	13,559
U.S. 6	(S.R. 149)	12,300	11,501

Source: NIRPC, Volume Counts

Porter County

agriculture



Agriculture - Porter County

Number of Farms (1969)	946
Average Size (Acres)	185
Total Acres in Farms	175,000
Value of Farm Land	\$104,754,063

<u>Products</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Total Prod.</u>	<u>Value/ BU.</u>	<u>73 Value</u>	<u>74 Value</u>
Corn						
1973	63,500	103	6,202,800	\$2.10	\$13,025,880	
1974	66,700	107	4,498,800	\$3.33		\$14,481,000
Soybeans						
1973	43,400	29	1,236,400	\$5.04	\$ 6,231,456	
1974	37,800	23	874,900	\$7.54		\$ 6,596,746
Wheat						
1973	9,100	36	324,500	\$4.50	\$ 1,460,250	
1974	16,900	38	638,800	\$4.48		\$ 2,861,824
Hay		<u>Tons/Ac</u>		<u>Value/Ton</u>		
1973	7,300	2.3	16,700	34.00	\$ 567,800	
1974	9,700	2.5	24,200	51.50		\$ 1,246,300
Livestock & Livestock Products Income					1973	\$8,400,336
					1974	\$7,852,488
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL SALES					1973	\$30,260,276
					1974	\$32,681,097

Source: Dept. of Agricultural Statistics, Purdue University.

